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| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>14 July 53 15/0345Z                                                    | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>Opportunity, Montana                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Civilians                                                                         | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION<br>It was the opinion of the approving officer that object was<br>possibly a balloon, however course, winds and length of obser-<br>vation are unknown. Case regarded as insufficient data. |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One                                                                    | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br>Round shiny whitish yellow object traveled at high speed.<br>Maneuvers consisted of floating up and down then appeared<br>to disappear below the horizon.                                                    |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Not Reported                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Ground-Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>Up and Down                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>8. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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SUBJECT: (Restricted) Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center  
ATTN: ATIAA-2C  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, the inclosed report of unidentified flying objects (AF Form 112) is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |                                                                    |
| SUBJECT<br><b>FLYING RPT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                                                                    |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br><b>Opportunity, Montana</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            | FROM (Agency)<br><b>DET 1, 4772d Grd Obsr Sq</b>                   |
| DATE OF REPORT<br><b>16 July 1953</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | DATE OF INFORMATION<br><b>14 July 1953</b> | EVALUATION<br><b>B-2</b>                                           |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br><b>PAUL H. MILLIKIN, Capt, USAF</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            | SOURCE MRS.<br><b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. [REDACTED]</b> Opportunity, Mont. |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br><b>AFI 200-5, dated 20 April 1952</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                    |
| SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |                                                                    |
| <p>a. Shape: Round.<br/>b. Size: 4 to 6 feet in diameter.<br/>c. Color: Whitish-yellow (Shiny like a big mirror).<br/>d. Number: (1) One.<br/>e. Formation if more than one: None, only one object sighted.<br/>f. Aerodynamic Features: Object was round with no other features visible.<br/>g. Propulsion systems: None visible.<br/>h. Trail or Exhaust: None.<br/>i. Speed: Very fast.<br/>j. Sound: None.<br/>k. Maneuvers: Flew up &amp; down, then disappeared.<br/>l. Manner of disappearance: Flew down below the horizon.<br/>M. Time of sighting: 2045 hours 14 July 1953. (time is DLT)<br/>n. Manner of observation: Visual without aid.<br/>o. Location of observer during sighting: At individual's home, Opportunity, Mont.<br/>p. Identifying information of observer, and estimate of reliability of the sighting: The observers were Mrs Stanley Cutler and Mr &amp; Mrs Wilfred Haekis, all of Opportunity, Montana, and are considered to be reliable.<br/>q. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings: Clear weather and no wind. Winds aloft unknown.<br/>r. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photos and the like: None.<br/>s. Any activity or conditions, meteorological or otherwise which might account for the sighting: None.<br/>t. Interception or identification action taken: ADCC notified at 29th ADIV (Def) Great Falls AFB, Montana.<br/>u. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting: None.</p> |                                            |                                                                    |
| <p>PAUL H. MILLIKIN,<br/>Capt. USAF<br/>Commanding</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |                                                                    |
| COMMENT: In the opinion of the approving officer, this object is believed to be a weather balloon. Evaluation B-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |                                                                    |
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